AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

2(Previously Presented). The method according to claim 4, wherein said compound of formula I and said selective estrogen receptor modulator are delivered in a single composition.

3(Previously Presented). The method according to claim 4, wherein said compound of formula I and said selective estrogen receptor modulator are delivered separately.

4(Currently Amended). A method of inducing contraception comprising delivering to a female of child-bearing age a composition comprising a compound of formula I in a regimen which involves delivering a pharmaceutically effective amount of one or more selective estrogen receptor modulator selected from the group consisting of EM-800, EM-652, raloxifene hydrochloride, arzoxifene, lasofoxifene, droloxifene, tamoxifen citrate, 4-hydroxytamoxifen citrate, clomiphene citrate, toremifene citrate, pipendoxifene, idoxifene, levormeloxifene, centchroman, nafoxidene, and bazedoxifene to said female, wherein formula I is:

$$R^{5}$$
 R^{4}
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 R^{3}

wherein:

 R^1 and R^2 are joined to form -CH₂(CH₂)_nCH₂-;

n is <u>3 or</u> 4 or 5;

 R^3 is H;

 R^4 is H;

R⁵ is a five membered heterocyclic ring having 1 heteroatom selected from the group consisting of O, S, SO, and NR⁶ and having one <u>CN</u> or two <u>and one</u> independent substituents <u>selected</u> from the group consisting of H, halogen, CN, C₁ to C₃ alkyl, and CSR^D;

R^D is NH₂;

 R^6 is H or C_1 to C_3 alkyl;

Q¹ is S;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, tautomer, metabolite, or prodrug thereof.

5(Previously Presented). The method according to claim 4, wherein said compound is delivered at a daily dosage of about 0.1 to about 50 mg.

6(Previously Presented). The method according to claim 4, wherein said regimen comprises delivering said composition daily for 1 to about 21 days, wherein said regimen is a cycle which is repeated monthly.

7(Previously Presented). The method according to claim 4, wherein said selective estrogen receptor modulator is delivered at a daily dosage of about 0.2 to about 100 mg.

8(Cancelled).

9(Currently Amended). The method according to Claim 4, wherein R⁵ is the five membered ring having the structure:

U is O, S, or NR^6 ;

X' is selected from the group consisting of halogen, CN, and CSNH₂; $\underline{Y'}$ is \underline{H} .

10-13(Cancelled).

14(Previously Presented). The method according to claim 4, wherein said compound is selected from the group consisting of 4-(1',2'-Dihydro-2'thioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-[3H]indol]-5'-yl)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile, 4-Methyl-5-(1,2-dihydro-2-thioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3-[3H]-indol]-5-yl)-2-thiophenethioamide, 5-(1,2-Dihydro-2-thioxospiro[cyclopentane-1,3-[3H]indol]-5'-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2carbonitrile, 5-(1,2-Dihydro-2-thioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3-[3H]indol]-5-yl)-1H-pyrrole-2-carbonitrile, 5-(2'-thioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3'-[3H]indol]-5'-yl)-1-methyl-pyrrole-2carbonitrile, 5-(1,2-Dihydro-2-thioxospiro[cyclopentane-1,3-[3H]indol]-5-yl)-3thiophenecarbonitrile, 5-(1,2-Dihydro-thioxospiro[cyclopentane-1,3-[3H]indol]-5-yl)-2thiophenecarbonitrile, 5-(5-Chloro-2-thienyl)spiro[cyclohexane-1,3-[3H]indol]-2(1H)thione, 5-(1,2-Dihydro-2-thioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3-[3H]indol]-5-yl)-3furancarbonitrile, 5-(1,2-Dihydro-2-thioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3-[3H]indol]-5-yl)-4propyl-2-thiophenecarbonitrile, 4-(1,2-Dihydro-2-thioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3-[3H]indol]-5-yl)-2-furancarbonitrile, 5-(1",2"-Dihydro-2"-thioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3"-[3H]indol]-5"-yl)-4-methyl-2-thiophenecarbonitrile, 5-(1",2"-Dihydro-2"thioxospiro[cyclohexane-1,3"-[3H]indol]-5"-yl)-2-thiophenecarbonitrile, and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, tautomer, metabolite, or prodrug thereof.

15-43(Cancelled).

44(New). A method of inducing contraception comprising delivering to a female of child-bearing age a composition comprising a compound of formula I in a regimen which involves delivering a pharmaceutically effective amount of one or more selective estrogen receptor modulator selected from the group consisting of EM-800, EM-652, raloxifene hydrochloride, arzoxifene, lasofoxifene, droloxifene, tamoxifen citrate, 4-hydroxytamoxifen citrate, clomiphene citrate, toremifene citrate, pipendoxifene, idoxifene, levormeloxifene, centchroman, nafoxidene, and bazedoxifene to said female, wherein formula I is:

$$R^5$$
 R^4
 R^3
 R^3

wherein:

 R^1 and R^2 are joined to form -CH2(CH2)nCH2-;

n is 3 or 4;

 R^3 is H;

R⁴ is H:

 R^5 is a five membered heterocyclic ring having 1 O or S heteroatom and having one CN and one substituent selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, C_1 to C_3 alkyl, and CSR^D ;

R^D is NH₂:

 R^6 is H or C_1 to C_3 alkyl;

 Q^1 is S;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, tautomer, metabolite, or prodrug thereof.

45(New). The method according to claim 44, wherein said compound of formula I and said selective estrogen receptor modulator are delivered in a single composition.

46(New). The method according to claim 44, wherein said compound of formula I and said selective estrogen receptor modulator are delivered separately.

47(New). The method according to claim 44, wherein said compound is delivered at a daily dosage of about 0.1 to about 50 mg.

48(New). The method according to claim 44, wherein said regimen comprises delivering said composition daily for 1 to about 21 days, wherein said regimen is a cycle which is repeated monthly.

49(New). The method according to claim 44, wherein said selective estrogen receptor modulator is delivered at a daily dosage of about 0.2 to about 100 mg.

50(New). A method of inducing contraception comprising delivering to a female of child-bearing age a composition comprising a compound of formula I in a regimen which involves delivering a pharmaceutically effective amount of one or more selective estrogen receptor modulator selected from the group consisting of EM-800, EM-652, raloxifene hydrochloride, arzoxifene, lasofoxifene, droloxifene, tamoxifen citrate, 4-hydroxytamoxifen citrate, clomiphene citrate, toremifene citrate, pipendoxifene, idoxifene, levormeloxifene, centchroman, nafoxidene, and bazedoxifene to said female, wherein formula I is:

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wherein:

 R^1 and R^2 are joined to form -CH₂(CH₂)_nCH₂-; n is 3 or 4; R^3 is H;

 R^4 is H;

 R^5 is a five membered heterocyclic ring having 1 NR^6 heteroatom and having one CN and one substituent selected from the group consisting of H, halogen, C_1 to C_3 alkyl, and CSR^D ;

R^D is NH₂;

 R^6 is H or C_1 to C_3 alkyl;

 Q^1 is S;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, tautomer, metabolite, or prodrug thereof.

- 51(New). The method according to claim 50, wherein said compound of formula I and said selective estrogen receptor modulator are delivered in a single composition.
- 52(New). The method according to claim 50, wherein said compound of formula I and said selective estrogen receptor modulator are delivered separately.
- 53(New). The method according to claim 50, wherein said compound is delivered at a daily dosage of about 0.1 to about 50 mg.
- 54(New). The method according to claim 50, wherein said regimen comprises delivering said composition daily for 1 to about 21 days, wherein said regimen is a cycle which is repeated monthly.
- 55(New). The method according to claim 50, wherein said selective estrogen receptor modulator is delivered at a daily dosage of about 0.2 to about 100 mg.